

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 5 and 6 are currently being cancelled.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After canceling and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4 and 7-15 are now pending in this application.

Request for Entry of After-final Amendment and Reply:

It is respectfully requested that this after-final Amendment and Reply be considered and entered, since it is believed to place this application in condition for allowance, and whereby at the very least it is believed to lessen the number of potential issues for appeal (i.e., note the cancellation of claims 5 and 6).

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication in the final Office Action that claim 3 is allowed.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-10 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipate by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0231460 to Moscovitch; and claims 1 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipate by U.S. Patent No. 6,343,006 to Moscovitch. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-15 under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the column comprises a front face that faces the display screen, a back face that faces away from the display screen, and opposed side faces provided between the front face and the back face, and wherein a plurality of connectors

are located on at least one of the opposed side faces. Referring now to Figure 1 of the drawings, please note the position of the connectors 18 on the side face that is visible in that drawing.

Now, turning to U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0231460 to Moscovitch, that reference shows a plurality of connectors provided on a back face of his column, whereby the back face does not correspond to the claimed side face.

Now, turning to U.S. Patent No. 6,343,006 to Moscovitch et al., Figures 19 and 20 of that reference shows a connector 107 provided on a back portion of his display 12 and a connector 108 provided on a front or back portion of his column (swingable upright arm) 96, whereby the connectors 107, 108 can be considered to be provided on either a front face or a back face of the display or column, but not on a side face of his column.

Accordingly, presently pending claim 1 is not anticipated by either of the two Moscovitch references.

The other presently pending claims under rejection depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, and thus those claims are also not anticipated by either of the two Moscovitch references.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the final Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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